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AGENDA

PLANNING, RESEARCH and PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

9:00 a.m.

**Louisiana Purchase Room
Claiborne Office Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
 - A. License Renewals
 - 1. Alcorn State University
 - 2. American College of Education
 - 3. Northwood University
 - 4. Nova Southeastern University
 - 5. Upper Iowa University
 - 6. Wiley College
- IV. Proprietary Schools
 - A. Initial Licenses
 - 1. Acadiana Yoga and Wellness, LLC
 - 2. Virginia College
 - B. Associate in Occupational Specialty Degrees
 - 1. Cameron College
 - C. License Renewals
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment

Committee Members: Harold Stokes, Chair; Mary Ellen Roy, Vice Chair; Charlotte Bollinger, Robert Bruno, Marc Guichard, Ingrid Labat, Robert Levy

AGENDA ITEM III. A. 1.

**Alcorn State University
Division of Nursing
15 Campus Drive
Natchez, Mississippi 39120**

BACKGROUND

Alcorn State University is not incorporated in Louisiana. The university was first licensed by the Board of Regents in 1993. The institution is a publicly-supported university headquartered in Lorman, Mississippi and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Alcorn State University currently offers associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees in nursing through the institution's Natchez, Mississippi facility. The nursing program is professionally accredited by the National League for Nursing. Instruction provided in Louisiana is limited to nursing practicum experiences. Admission to the nursing program is selective. Students receive instruction in a lecture format and through supervised clinical experiences.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Twenty four faculty teach at Alcorn's Nursing Complex in Natchez. Eight faculty hold doctoral degrees. Alcorn reported 23 students enrolled in Louisiana in its masters program in fall 2009. All faculty are recruited, screened, and employed through the central campus in Lorman.

FACILITIES

The Nursing Complex, built in 1985, comprises 47,000 square feet of space and is valued at over \$1.7 million. The facility includes numerous classrooms, administrative and faculty offices, science and computer laboratories, and a library. Practicum experiences are completed at hospital and clinical facilities in Central and East Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the admission standards of the program, the institution's regional and professional accreditation, and the oversight provided by the main campus, staff recommends that the Board of Regents accept Alcorn State University's application for license renewal.

AGENDA ITEM III. A. 2.

**American College of Education
20 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606**

BACKGROUND

The American College of Education is not incorporated in the state of Louisiana. The university first registered with the Board of Regents in 2008. The institution is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The American College of Education offers its Masters in Education degrees in Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Technology and Educational Leadership. The three programs are offered primarily through distance learning. The programs are cohort driven and students follow a fixed course sequence through to graduation.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

The institution utilizes eight full-time faculty and twenty one part-time faculty to support the masters programs. Twenty-two of the faculty are prepared at the doctorate level. The institution reported 172 students enrolled in the three masters programs in Fall 2009.

FACILITIES

Like other online programs, the institution has a main facility on its campus in Chicago and utilizes numerous online services to facilitate student learning.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the admissions criteria to the programs, the university's campus accreditation, and the general oversight of the program by the home campus, the staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve the American College of Education's application for license renewal.

AGENDA ITEM III. A. 3.

**Northwood University
4000 Whiting Drive
Midland, Michigan 48640**

BACKGROUND

Northwood University first registered with the Board of Regents in 1982. The institution is headquartered in Midland, Michigan and provides educational programs at the associate and bachelor's levels. The institution is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCACS).

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

The University employs 11 faculty members for its New Orleans programs; all are employed on a part-time basis. Three faculty members hold doctoral degrees while the others hold masters degrees. The institution reports an enrollment of 41 students in its associate and bachelors programs.

FACILITIES

Northwood University currently utilizes approximately 8,000 square feet of space for administrative and instructional purposes at the Naval Support Activity and Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in New Orleans.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Northwood University currently offers an associate and baccalaureate program in management.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given its regional accreditation, the credentials of its faculty and the scope of its current operations in New Orleans, the staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve Northwood University's application for license renewal.

AGENDA ITEM III. A. 4.

**Nova Southeastern University
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314**

BACKGROUND

Nova Southeastern University first registered with the Board of Regents in 1978. The institution is headquartered in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and provides educational programs at the doctoral level. The institution is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Nova Southeastern University contracts with six faculty members for its Louisiana programs; three are employed on a full-time basis. All faculty are trained at the doctorate level. The institution reports an enrollment of 74 students. All students are enrolled in doctoral programs.

FACILITIES

Nova Southeastern University currently leases meeting sites in Shreveport, Westlake, and in Baton Rouge. The leased facilities are used for instructional purposes.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Nova Southeastern University currently offers two doctoral degree programs in Louisiana. The doctoral programs include an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given its regional accreditation, the credentials of its faculty, and the scope of its current operations in Louisiana, the staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve Nova Southeastern University's application for license renewal.

AGENDA ITEM III. A. 5.

**Upper Iowa University
605 Washington Street
Fayette, Iowa 52142**

BACKGROUND

Upper Iowa University first registered with the Board of Regents in 1976. The institution is headquartered in Fayette, Iowa and provides educational programs at the certificate, associate and bachelors levels. The institution is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and School (NCACS).

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

The University employs 49 faculty members for its Louisiana programs; all are employed on a part-time basis. Seven faculty members hold doctoral degrees. Upper Iowa reports an enrollment of 283 students, 273 at the bachelors level and the remaining ten at the associate degree level.

FACILITIES

The institution utilizes facilities at the Learning Center for Rapides Parish, Ft. Polk, and DeRidder for administrative and instructional purposes. Having abandoned Jackson Barracks in New Orleans following heavy damage from Hurricane Katrina, Upper Iowa University has returned to the facility on a limited basis.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Upper Iowa University currently offers bachelor's degree programs in human services, human resource management, business, management, marketing, psychology, social science, public administration, and public administration with a law emphasis.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given its accreditation, the credentials of its faculty, and the scope of its current operations in Louisiana, the staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve Upper Iowa University's application for license renewal.

AGENDA ITEM III. A. 6.

**Wiley College
711 Wiley Avenue
Marshall, TX 75670**

BACKGROUND

Wiley College was first licensed by the Board of Regents in 1996. The institution is headquartered in Marshall, Texas and provides educational programs at the bachelor's level. The institution is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

The College employs 21 faculty members for its Shreveport program, 16 on a full time basis. Fourteen are trained at the doctoral level and seven at the masters level. The institution reports an enrollment of 183 Louisiana students. All students are enrolled at the bachelor's level.

FACILITIES

Wiley College currently utilizes instructional facilities at the Shreveport Fire and Police Training Academy, and library facilities at Southern University-Shreveport, Shreveport Memorial Library, Centenary College as well as access to its main library in Marshall.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The College currently offers bachelors degree programs in organizational management and criminal justice.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given its accreditation, the credentials of its faculty, and the scope of its current operations in Shreveport, the staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve Wiley College's application for license renewal.

AGENDA ITEM IV.

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Minutes
Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
May 11, 2010

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 10:04 a.m. in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge. Chair Bender called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

Commission Members Present

Ralph Bender, Chair
Richard D'Aquin
Keith Jones, Vice-Chair
Raymond Lalonde
Gloria Simmons

Staff Members Present

Chandra Cheatham
Ann Evans
Carol Marabella
Larry Tremblay

Commission Members Absent

Tina Begnaud
James Dorris
James Fontenot

Guests Present

(See Appendix A.)

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from its meeting of March 9, 2010.

On motion of Mr. D'Aquin, seconded by Ms. Simmons, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the March 9, 2010 Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was initial license applications, the first from Acadiana Yoga & Wellness, LLC, located in Lafayette, Louisiana, and represented by the owner, Ms. Jerry Smith-Guidry. Ms. Marabella reviewed the materials for the Commission, informing it that the institution would be offering one program of study, Yoga Teacher Training. The school is registered with Yoga Alliance, a voluntary national association which is dedicated to establishing national standards for yoga teachers and schools. The 200 clock hour program consists of 12 weekend sessions and the graduate is awarded a certificate of completion. Acadiana Yoga and Wellness, LLC, had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the maximum class size, the school owner's appreciation of the regulatory oversight by the Commission, health benefits of engaging in yoga practices, and planning financial aid options for potential students,

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Lalonde, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Acadiana Yoga & Wellness, LLC, located in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The second initial license application considered by the Commission was from Virginia College, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and represented by the company's regional manager, Mr. Dave Podesta. Ms. Marabella reviewed the materials for the Commission informing it that

the school, proposed to be accredited as a branch campus by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), would initially be offering three proprietary programs of study--Administrative Assistant, Medical Assistant, and Medical Billing and Coding. Virginia College will be located in Cortana Mall in Baton Rouge. According to the owners, this real estate will provide ample space for the build-out of classrooms and labs, plenty of parking, and close proximity to major thoroughfares in the city. Virginia College had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the school's accreditation with ACICS, number of campuses within the company, potential starting salaries for graduates, dual licensure with the Board of Regents, and types of degrees/diplomas awarded,

On motion of Mr. Lalonde, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Virginia College, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was Associate in Occupational Studies (AOS) Degree applications from Cameron College, located in New Orleans, Louisiana. Ms. Christine Cottrell, Assistant Dean, represented the school before the Commission.

Ms. Marabella reminded the Commission that the Proprietary Schools Law requires that AOS degrees be offered only by schools that hold recognized accreditation (Cameron College is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education), and that the Board of Regents must approve all AOS degree program offerings.

The curriculum in the AOS Degree in E-Commerce is designed to prepare students with the skills and knowledge necessary for them to meet the employment requirements for positions in

the E-Commerce industry in the areas of banking, information technology, and general business.

The curriculum in the AOS Degree in Lifestyle Recreational Therapy is designed to prepare students for careers as lifestyle enrichment professionals with employment settings in nursing homes, assisted living centers, adult day programs, and mental health facilities. Both curricula had met the legal and administrative requirements to be approved.

Following further discussion regarding whether Lifestyle Recreational Therapy is offered exclusively in nursing homes, the concepts applied in recreational therapy, and the value of recreational therapy to the well-being of senior citizens,

On motion of Mr. Lalonde, seconded by Mr. D'Aquin, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the Associate in Occupational Studies Degree programs in E-Commerce and Lifestyle Recreational Therapy at Cameron College, located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was operating license renewals. Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there were twenty-six (26) schools seeking renewal. The twenty-six (26) schools scheduled for renewal were in complete compliance, having met all the legal and administrative requirements to be re-licensed.

Following further discussion,

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Simmons, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

A & W Healthcare Educators, LLC (03/25/04)
Academy of Acadiana, Inc. (03/22/06)
Ascension College (04/22/99)
At-Home Professions (04/22/99)
BAR/BRI -- Baton Rouge (03/27/03)
BAR/BRI -- New Orleans (03/21/02)

Blue Cliff College--Houma (03/24/05)
Blue Cliff College--Metairie (03/23/00)
Blue Cliff College--Shreveport (03/23/00)
Coastal College--Lafayette (04/23/98)
Coastal College--Monroe (03/28/96)
Delta College of Arts & Technology--Lafayette Branch (03/24/05)
Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)
Delta Training Academy (04/23/98)
Kaplan, Inc. -- Shreveport (04/21/93)
Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)
Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)
N.O.D.C. School for Dental Assisting (03/24/05)
The Ruth Cook Computer and Medical Schools (04/27/95)
Sclafani's Cooking School (04/28/94)
Unitech Training Academy (04/24/97)
Unitech Training Academy--Houma (03/22/06)
Universal Technical Institute--Florida Branch (04/23/98)
Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)
WyoTech--Pennsylvania Campus (03/27/03)
WyoTech--Wyoming Campus (03/27/03)

Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there were two institutions that chose not to renew their licenses in this renewal cycle: Rhema Training Center (04/25/96) and Verbatim Academy of Court Reporting (04/27/89). Staff will follow through in securing the student records from the closed schools.

The next item on the agenda was an update on program approvals. Chair Bender reminded the Commission that staff approved these updates administratively and course approvals were being shared with the Commission for information purposes only.

Under Report from Staff, Dr. Tremblay expressed to the Commission that things remain unchanged in light of the current budget concerns within the state.

The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

APPENDIX A

GUESTS

Christine Cottrell

Cameron College

Sajana Dhungana

Cameron College

Dave Podesta

Virginia College

Jerry Smith-Guidry

Acadiana Yoga & Wellness